



The members of the Panthers baseball team are (kneeling, left to right) Geirrel Gray, Nick Crist, Dan Wirgau, Kyle Crepeau, Will Kennedy, Thomas Rossana and Saul Bosquez; (standing, left to right) coach Jim Ferguson, Eric Theisen, Frank Whitson, Adam Millinger, Steve Antonioti, Mike McCormick, John Roessler, coach Bill Clark, Rich Hegstrom, Matt Clark and coach Roosevelt Morris. Not pictured is Dan Dew.



The members of the Michigan Rams team are (front row, left to right) A.J. Webb, Sean Falvo (Redford), Derek Fairchild, Jonathon Cervenak, Jonathon Falvo (Farmington Hills), Kyle Verbeek, Steve McCollom (Farmington Hills), Brandon Malinowski, Brady Cooper, Casey Dishman and Robby Knight; (back row) coach Jack Falvo (Farmington Hills), Matt Fenster, Tom Whiting, coach Tom Dishman, Drew Davenport and coach Mark Falvo. Nick Plinka (Livonia) is not pictured.

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drawn a bye and were playing only their second game of the day, faced off Sunday evening.

In what became a classic duel between two pitchers, Theisen pitched 11 innings, as did his Raiders counterpart.

With the sun setting behind the mountains at 9:15 p.m., tournament officials determined it was too dark to continue and declared the teams co-champions.

Many of the Panthers played all 25 innings on the final day, including catcher Matt Clark, who was behind the plate for every inning over four days.

The Panthers finished the tournament with a 7-1-1 record.

Rams clinch title share

The 12-and-under Michigan Rams clinched a share of the Little Caesars Pee Wee Division title July 9 by defeating the South Farmington Blues in 10 innings, 11-9.

Derek Fairchild had the game-winning hit, knocking in the Rams' last two runs in the top of the 10th inning.

Matt Fenster (Bloomfield Hills) had five hits to lead the Rams; Sean Falvo (Redford) and Kyle Verbeek (Birmingham) had four hits apiece, including a

home run by Verbeek.

Drew Davenport pitched the first seven innings and A.J. Webb worked the last three to pick up the win.

The Rams, who have an overall record of 18-2, compete next in the AABC district qualifying tournament at Belle Isle.

During a recent trip to New York, the Rams won 6-3 competing against 47 other teams from around the country at Cooperstown Dreams Park.

Blues co-champs, too

The 12-and-under South Farmington Blues registered a come-from-behind, 8-5 victory Wednesday over the Northville Broncos, clinching a tie for first place in the Little Caesars Travel League with an 18-2 record.

The Michigan Rams had an identical record and while the two teams split with each other, the Blues outscored the Rams, 19-13, overall in the games between them.

The Rams forced the Blues to win their last two games at Novi on Tuesday, 13-6, and at Northville after defeating the Blues in a 10-inning thriller Monday at Founders Park, 11-9. The Blues earlier beat the Rams, 10-2.

In the Northville finale, the Blues trailed, 5-3, with two outs in the top of the sixth. Catcher Jon Castine's two-strike double into the gap scored runners from first and second to tie the game.

The Blues continued their rally, as Matt Paul drove in Kevin Rafferty with the go-ahead run. Josh Rebandt closed out the win for Jeff Gorecki with four strikeouts during two innings of shutout relief.

The Blues, who are 42-6 overall, are led by the four-man pitching rotation of Rebandt (11-2), Gorecki (11-1), Paul (4-1) and Stephen Doty (10-1). Wins have also been recorded by Andy Harris, Brooks Tuyn and Jamie McCarthy.

The offense has been led by high-average hitters Castine (.538), Gorecki (.432), Tuyn (.394), Doty (.380), Paul (.379) and Brendan Clarke (.374).

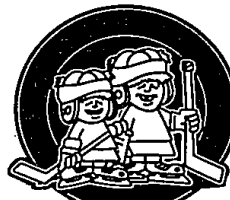
Key hits have also been provided by outfielders Harris, Rafferty, McCarthy and Greg Ford, together with pitcher/infielder Rebandt.

The Blues conclude their Michigan tournament season in Southgate today and will travel to the USSSA World Series July 22-29 in Hutchinson, Kan.

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